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Space shuttle takes to the air

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, California, Feb. 18 (R). — The space shuttle Enterprise today rode piggyback for two hours aboard a jumbo jet in its first step towards becoming the United States' space cargo ship of the 1980's. The snub-nosed Enterprise lifted off on the back of a Boeing 747 attached by three struts. "Both pilots report the 747 is handling extremely well," the ground controller said after take-off. He later reported a perfect landing. The 67,500 kg. Enterprise will be launched like a rocket from Cape Canaveral in 1979 to carry space laboratories and satellites aloft. It will glide back to earth like a conventional plane. It was taken to 4,900 metres today and was flown at a maximum speed of 459 kms per hour.

OPEC committee ends meeting

NA, Feb. 18 (R). — OPEC's Economic Commission ended a five-day meeting at its Vienna headquarters but did not discuss the price dispute, Mr. Hamid, a spokesman for the organisation said. Its discussions were confined to price differentials affecting various grades and categories of crude oil. OPEC is seeking a coordinated policy on differentials, but no decisions were taken. The economic experts also decided to begin work on production programming, the spokesman said. A controversial issue given new importance by the Saudi Arabia, already the world's biggest oil producer, may try to capitalise on its cheaper prices by increasing production. Mr. Zaker said the Economic Commission would consider programming at its next meeting in Geneva, probably in April or May.

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in, Allon, Peres assure Israelis of continuing U.S. military support

Feb. 18 — Israel's Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that arms were being sent to Israel from the United States as scheduled and Israel's position was stronger than all other countries put together. Rabin said Israel had been ready to undertake the use of bombs only to break through minefields or to hit missile concentrations. The concussion bombs can be used to detonate mines because of the pressure they create. They are also one of the most lethal weapons ever devised against troops concentrations, and are described as the perfect weapon for a small country fighting enemies with large populations. Various other officials here stressed that Israel did not view Washington's refusal to sell the concussion bombs as a blow to U.S.-Israel relations. "Our relations with Washington are very good as was proved during the visit here only days ago of Mr. Cyrus Vance. The weapons question is one of principle with the New Carter administration and this was known even before the election," one official said. "It is therefore an unfortunate coincidence that one of the first chances to apply Mr. Carter's campaign on arms involved us," the official said. He denied Israeli press speculation that the bomb question was linked with Middle East peace efforts. The timing of the announcement, however, appeared designed to give a boost to Mr. Vance as he began crucial talks in Cairo with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat. In Washington yesterday, White House press secretary Jody Powell stressed that it should not be interpreted as a move against Israel. "I think it related to a general desire to limit and reduce the sale of sophisticated and highly destructive weapons worldwide," he (Mr. Carter) expressed this often as a candidate - and also his feeling that a decision not to sell was not inconsistent with his off-repeated commitment to the security of Israel," Mr. Powell said. Mr. Powell said that although Mr. Carter had cancelled the bombs sale, he had decided to allow the proposed sale of M-60 tanks and 155-mm howitzers to Israel to go ahead.



His Majesty King Hussein confers with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at the Hashimiyah Palace Friday (JNA photo).

De Guiringaud confers with Khaddam, Al Fahoum in Damascus

DAMASCUS, Feb. 18 (R). — French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud, who is sounding out prospects for peace in the Middle East, today had separate meetings here with Syrian and Palestinian leaders. The minister arrived earlier from Beirut for talks on ways France and Western Europe could help to achieve a peace settlement. Syrian officials said his talks with Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam covered the latest developments in the region and the possibility of reconvening the Geneva conference. Earlier M. de Guiringaud conferred with Mr. Khaled Al Fahoum, speaker of the Palestinian National Council. Mr. Fahoum later quoted the minister as saying that Palestinians had a right to a homeland and must take part in any international deliberations on the Palestine question. M. de Guiringaud tonight praised Syria's role in restoring security to Lebanon. At a dinner given for him by Mr. Khaddam, he said France, like Syria, believed it was urgent to seek an overall settlement in the Middle East. Otherwise "the region could be subject to new tensions with the risk of threatening equilibrium and stability."

Official spokesman denies Washington Post allegations

AMMAN (JNA). — An official Jordanian spokesman here refuted allegations published in an article in the Washington Post Friday, subsequently carried by a number of news agencies, on alleged links between the Jordanian government and the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). "The article in question," the spokesman said, "contains fabricated and incorrect information meant to defame Jordan and its leaders, to undermine the unity of the Arab front, which is essential to the fight for peace and to harm the peace efforts which the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cyrus Vance is currently undertaking. This is evident from the timing of the publication of the article - on the eve of the U.S. secretary of state's visit to Jordan. The Washington Post and the author of the article are known for their close affiliations with Zionist organisations in the United States," the spokesman said. "The paper in question has previously published various news items and articles designed to sow confusion and lay the foundation for a split in Arab ranks or to undermine the mutual trust which responsible Arab leaders and honest U.S. elements are trying to establish between the Arab nation and the United States. Such actions are in the service of aggressive and expansionist Israeli designs," the statement concluded.

King Hussein confers with Vance on Mideast peace talks deadlock

AMMAN (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein met visiting U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance at the Hashimiyah Palace Friday evening as U.S.-Jordanian consultations got under way in search of a way out of the deadlock in Middle East peace talks. The U.S. secretary of state who arrived here Friday noon told reporters at the airport he hoped his visit "will underscore the importance... of the role that His Majesty is playing in resolving the bitterness and conflicts" in the region. He said the United States and Jordan were old friends and hoped his visit would also underscore that friendship. In the afternoon, Mr. Vance met with American ambassadors posted in Arab capitals to review the latest developments in the area and to sketch the broad lines of the Carter administration's Mideast policy to them. The meeting was held at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. In the evening, the King gave a dinner banquet in honour of the U.S. secretary of state which was attended by His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, cabinet ministers and members of the U.S. delegation accompanying Mr. Vance. Discussions are to resume Saturday over breakfast. The high-powered delegation includes Under-Secretary for Political Affairs, Philip Habib, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Alfred Atherton and Director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Harold Saunders. Mr. Vance was cautiously optimistic when he left Cairo earlier today and discussed President Anwar Sadat's proposal that Jordan and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) establish some sort of formal links before a resumption of the Geneva peace talks. He said the proposal, which implies a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation at the Geneva talks, narrowed the differences between Arab and Israeli views on the key procedural issue in the way of holding a conference. "It seems to me it's a constructive suggestion," he said in a 20-minute airborne news conference. It was his first such meeting with reporters since last Monday when he began a six-nation Middle East tour which has already taken him to Lebanon and Israel as well as Egypt. As it begins to move towards suggestions which have been made by the Israelis as to how the Palestinian question might be resolved and therefore there appears to be some narrowing of the different positions," he said. He said some differences remained, but he declined to elaborate. He said both Israel and Egypt were prepared to go to Geneva without preconditions once the procedural problem over Palestinian representation was settled, but he was cautious not to appear over-optimistic. "I don't mean to say that I don't think there aren't very deep substantial and procedural questions (between Israel and the Arabs)," he said. Mr. Vance said he thought Mr. Sadat's proposals appeared to have the support of some Palestinian leaders. He did not identify them. He was asked whether Egypt was pressing the Palestine Liberation Organisation to change its covenant - the Palestinian National Charter. "Yes, I do have that feeling," he said. On the way from Cairo, Mr. Vance stopped for a few hours in Beirut and announced the United States was providing Lebanon with \$50 million in aid to help the country rebuild its war-devastated economy. He also called on other countries to assist in the rehabilitation effort to put Lebanon back on its feet. Mr. Vance had talks with Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros and was a lunch guest of President Elias Sarkis. Reliable sources in Beirut said Mr. Vance refused to receive a message from the right-wing Lebanese Front, calling for a canton-type political structure, or at least decentralisation. He left Beirut half an hour behind schedule, according to an aide, "because it was a relaxed, Middle East atmosphere and we couldn't rush." The secretary of state flies to the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh tomorrow, and completes his tour with a stop in Damascus on Sunday.

To aid long-term development

Jordanian economist suggests need for national policy on consumption

Rami G. Khouri to the Jordan Times Jordanian developmental expert has suggested the government should consider a "national consumption policy" as part of its long-term economic development. Professor Hourani, Professor of Economics at the University of Jordan and a specialist in development economics, said in an interview with the Jordan Times that the state has a very serious look at its foreign financial and loans for its basic needs. He says policy-makers may well be directing and supporting the consumption policy to increase the income of consumers, to improve economic behaviour and to develop the government should play a role in this direction. He is very serious about the development of the country such as Jordan. He said limited resources and of foreign exchange, simultaneous drive to our country, we need to reduce the import of capital goods, and dis-

Clifford meets Greek leaders

ATHENS, Feb. 18 (R). — Mr. Clark Clifford, special envoy to U.S. President Jimmy Carter today held talks with Greek leaders to try to mend relations between Greece and Turkey, whose dispute is weakening the bonds of the NATO alliance. Cyprus and the 1974 withdrawal by Greece of its forces from the NATO military line-up were major topics when Mr. Clifford, former U.S. Defence Secretary, met Greek leaders here. He had talks lasting more than two hours with Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis and Foreign Minister Dimitrios Bitsios. Discussion on Cyprus today centred on a recent agreement between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots to resume talks in Vienna next month. Mr. Karamanlis said Mr. Clifford had not brought any proposals, but added that President Carter had sent him a personal message. "I wish to say that President Carter has the intention of reconsidering the American position on the problems which concern our country and to help for their just and peaceful settlement," Mr. Karamanlis added. Mr. Clifford has more talks tonight and tomorrow with Mr. Bitsios. Meanwhile in Brussels, informed sources said that Turkey will almost certainly veto new plans by Athens to alter Greece's relationship with NATO. Greece indicated in a memorandum last month that it wanted to continue military cooperation with all alliance members except Turkey, the sources said.

state could regulate or restrict the imports of some luxury items, like cars or colour televisions, or impose heavy taxes on undesired consumer products.

that it is directly tied to inflation, which he calls "public enemy number one." "Inflation is brought about partly by labour shortages or increased labour costs. What we seek is long-term economic growth with stability of prices. In the development stage, we cannot have growth without some inflation, and this inevitable inflation has been called a 'lubricating element'. If this rate of inflation is around four or five per cent, it allows prices to increase at a rate, which is a sound idea in a developing country because it gives people the financial incentive to get into new projects and invest their money in development efforts. "But when the inflation rate gets to ten per cent or more, it badly affects the savings and consumption habits of people, and the development effort suffers. The middle and lower class people who have a fixed income start to realise that their money is losing some of its value, that it has a lower purchasing power. Therefore they stop saving their money and go out and spend it quickly instead. In a developing country like Jordan, the savings of the people must be a major source of finance for new or expanding projects. When families stop saving money and just spend their income on consumer goods, especially imported goods, you find that rich traders make much money, and the inflation situation is made worse because some of the increases in prices are due to the suspended Geneva conference on the Middle East. Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros, who conferred today with Mr. Vance, will see Mr. Sytenko tomorrow. An authoritative source said the Soviet emissary will exchange views on the Middle East situation and in particular on the search for a compromise as a preliminary to negotiations at Geneva. Mr. Sytenko had conveyed to Jordanian Leaders the Soviet viewpoint on a Middle East settlement, the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference and how to achieve a positive climate for its success. Possible Soviet reconstruction aid for Lebanon will also be discussed, the source said.

Carter invites Mideast leaders to Washington

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (R). — President Carter today said he had asked leaders of Middle East countries to visit Washington as soon as possible to discuss ways of solving the Arab-Israeli dispute. The president, speaking to employees at the interior department, gave no timetable for the visits but said the Middle East had high priority on his foreign policy agenda. He said the United States wanted to do all it could to ward a Middle East settlement but added that he did not intend to exert improper pressure in a situation which must be improved by the Arabs and Israelis themselves. He described 1977 as the year which offered the brightest hope for progress in the Middle East. He said that although he could not guarantee success, an Arab-Israeli settlement was a major goal for the United States as well as for potential adversaries, such as the Soviet Union. Mr. Carter said that any settlement brought about by his use of political and military means would only bring an uneasy peace. But he stressed the United States was a focal point for efforts towards a settlement because Israel and the Arabs looked to this country for diplomatic action. He said that was why he had sent Secretary of State Cyrus Vance on his current mission to the Middle East. He also said he thought the Geneva Middle East conference could be reconvened later this year and that the United States could be a stimulating factor in helping to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

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VANCE IN AMMAN -- Premier Mudar Badran receives U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance upon his arrival at Amman airport Friday. U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Thomas Pickering is seen behind Premier Badran along with a number of ministers and members of the U.S. delegation at the background. (JNA photo).

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Concussion statesmanship

The administration of President Carter is to be commended in principle for its decision to withhold the sale of the CBU-72 concussion bombs to Israel, but we in the Middle East should not confuse principles of broad American policy with specific turns in American policy-making in the Middle East. That is, the decision to deny Israel the CBU-72 bombs, from the point of view of Middle East peace prospects, is neither important nor even symbolic of new American policies vis-a-vis arms sales to Israel. A closer look at the military and aid relationship between the U.S. and Israel shows that nothing has really changed. In fact, it has intensified.

The decision to withhold the CBU-72 bomb from Israel was not the result of a reassessment of American-Israeli ties, but was rather the result of a broad American policy decision to reduce the proliferation of arms particularly the more sophisticated arms in the American arsenal. The same rationale lay behind the Carter administration decision to veto the sale to Ecuador of Israeli-made but American-powered Kfir fighter jets.

In the case of the CBU-72 bombs, the Americans and Israelis have already made it clear that other American bombs will be supplied that can do the same destructive job as the concussion bombs. In the Kfir jet sale issue, the Americans have agreed to give Israel another \$285 million in economic assistance in the 1978 aid package, to make up for the loss in revenues that the Kfir sales would have brought in. And while the concussion bomb sale has been cancelled, the U.S. has agreed to sell Israel a large number of M-60 tanks and 155mm howitzers.

So the basic principle of an open pipeline of military and economic aid from Washington to Tel Aviv has not been changed. In fact, it has been made worse by the American move to supply additional compensatory economic aid to offset the Israeli loss of revenues from the Kfir sale to Ecuador.

This is not a process of great statesmanship.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Two of the Jordanian dailies commented in their Friday editorials on His Majesty King Hussein's interview with the Lebanese weekly magazine Al-Hawadisa, in which he warned the Arabs not to slacken their preparation, and mentioned that if the revenues from the oil price increases recently approved were allocated to the confrontation states, these would solve their economic problems and enable them to face Israel.

AL DUSTOUR, under the heading "Arab oil countries", says that it is high time that the Arab oil countries realised that the financial support they are providing to confrontation states is just a symbolic gesture and is far from sufficient to help them solve their internal economic problems and face external pressures.

The Arabs will always remain incapable of presenting a strong stand if the confrontation states remain weak, and their weakness will surely be reflected at the Geneva conference and in any other peace efforts undertaken to solve the Middle East conflict.

What is important, therefore, is not for the Arabs to attend Geneva, but that they should be able to repulse any danger which they may face.

The oil weapon will be useless without the existence of the necessary force to protect its source. This task falls on the states facing the enemy.

Financial support, therefore, is neither a service or a grant to be given by the Arab oil countries, but a question of duty and responsibility towards the joint Arab future.

Does the world believe the seriousness of our desire to recover our usurped rights, when confrontation states struggle against economic problems and Arab oil countries

just look on -- with their money piled up in banks? AL SHAB, under the heading "King Hussein sounds the alarm", says that His Majesty's warning to the Arabs to prepare to face the various eventualities of the coming stage comes a propitious time, notably because the Arabs are now confronted with an international peace offensive, which carries with it many dangers.

One of these dangers resides in the fact that we might be tempted to relax our efforts and wait for peace to fall on us -- either through the Geneva conference or any other means originating outside the Arab world, the paper says.

We make such gloomy statements because all indicators, as mentioned by His Majesty, show Israel's reluctance to seek peace. It continues to confiscate Arab lands and to establish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza. Another indicator is that the Israeli leadership is not that strong and does not have the courage to take any positive step towards peace.

Looking at the Arab side, His Majesty's call on all Arab countries, and in particular Arab oil countries, to assume their responsibilities becomes important. These countries should help the confrontation states to face the international peace offensive and Israeli military preparations. The steadfastness of these states will be an Arab victory, the paper says.

Arab countries should provide the confrontation states not only with a strength equal to that of their enemy, but with a far greater one, which will enable them to outweigh him at all times.

His Majesty warns the Arabs not to be overoptimistic about the results of the international peace offensive, as the international community was the one responsible for the loss of our rights in Palestine in the past, and is the one which is still silent on this loss at the present time, the paper concludes.



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The Christian Science Monitor

Jordanian economist suggests need for national policy on consumption

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to higher prices for imported goods -- in other words imported inflation.

Dr. Hourani suggests that some sort of policy to regulate imports of consumer products could help reverse this process, slow down the rate of inflation, encourage citizens to save more and thus give a major boost to the country's ability to draw on domestic capital raised through private savings in commercial banks or state-run credit institutions such as the Housing Bank or the post office savings fund.

He says that the state has looked into how it can reduce the financial toll that inflation takes from the middle and lower class citizen, and it has tried to initiate such projects as housing schemes for employees and the new state-run commodity shops that will sell goods at subsidised prices. But he thinks that this can only be considered a short-term measure, and longer term policies are required.

"There is a clear and essential link between domestic savings and consumption," he

says, and the tendency to spend large amounts of money on non-essential and expensive imported consumer products must hurt the state's efforts to direct money into productive sectors of the economy. He suggests that should there be any disruption of Jordan's ability to receive international grants and loans, "the country would face a serious situation if it could not depend on local resources."

He points out that Jordan's proven ability to attract international financial support is a sign of fundamental confidence in the stability and economic prospects of the country. But, he says, Jordan is at the stage in its development where it has to pay special attention to the growth of its productive sectors, such as manufacturing, industry and agriculture, to ensure what he calls "real, actual and physical production".

He says it is unusual and "unhealthy" for small developing country like Jordan to have a large services sector that dominates the economy, and the fact worries the government because most service sector industries, such as tourism, transportation or commerce, can be affected or disrupted by external factors beyond the control of Jordan.

He says that the overall aim of the 1976-80 five-year development plan in Jordan is to "promote the natural tendencies for the industrial and agricultural sectors of Jordan's economy to be the leading ones, to reduce emphasis on the services sector, and to have a healthy growth in industrial and mining companies."

He also stresses the importance of creating "import-substitution industries" that would produce items (or even services) that are now being imported with valuable foreign exchange. This is particularly important in the agricultural sector, Dr. Hourani suggests, where such things as meat, poultry and wheat are still being imported in large quantities every year. These items can all be produced locally, which would free large amounts of foreign exchange to buy vitally required capital goods for industrial development, manufacturing and more sophisticated farming techniques.

Dr. Hourani notes that the state's fundamental approach to joint development responsibility by the private and public sectors is sound and highly effective. But he is critical of some of the ways in which the state has tried to intervene in the free market without fully bringing about the objectives it had in mind.

He specifically mentions two examples of what he says is a kind of "antagonism" of the private sector created by the government's intervention. In one instance, the state decided to buy fertiliser from Kuwait to distribute to farmers at a subsidised price 20 per cent lower than the free market price, which Dr. Hourani calls a "logical" move in principle because it helps the farmers. But he says that the savings were brought about simply by tariff exemptions on the imported fertiliser, which was bought too late in the season to be of use that year, and had to be held over one year. The result was that private fertiliser sellers who had large stocks on hand were unable to sell their usual quantities, and thus the state's move may have helped

some farmers but it also hurt private businessmen. The lesson from this, Dr. Hourani suggests, is that the state's good intentions to help farmers resulted in a job badly done. It would have been more productive all around for the state to work with the farmers to provide private companies in providing cheaper fertilisers to farmers, instead of acting as it did in a manner that proved inefficient and which caused disruptions in the local fertiliser market.

Another example Dr. Hourani mentions is the state move to put a price ceiling on bread (55 fils per kilo). He suggests that while the government can control the price of bread, it cannot also control its quality and availability. Thus the price ceiling on bread has resulted in lower quality bread, disruptions in supply, long lines at bakeries and a general deterioration in the bread sector.

"I think this shows us that we need studies of the real costs in the bread market, to see the feasibility of this sector, instead of only imposing price controls in a manner that

War in Southern Africa seems inevitable as peace moves free

By June Goodwin
The Christian Science Monitor News Service

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- Southern Africa is pulling back into separate black and white strategy sessions -- apparently to prepare for war. Both sides feel that after the failure of the Geneva conference on Rhodesia there is no other alternative.

Southern Africa's two top white leaders, John Vorster and Ian Smith -- Prime Ministers of South Africa and Rhodesia respectively -- conferred in Cape Town. But this time Mr. Vorster's role towards Mr. Smith is quite different from what it was when the two men met last autumn.

Then Mr. Vorster did what the United States hoped he would: Put pressure on Mr. Smith to agree to discuss with black Rhodesian nationalists leaders a transfer to black majority rule within two years.

Now Mr. Vorster apparently sees his only option as backing Mr. Smith in the latter's refusal to go any further in his discussions with the nationalists -- and more particularly with Mr. Joshua Nkomo and Mr. Robert Mugabe of the Patriotic Front, who were at the Geneva conference.

Both the U.S. and British governments believe there is no likelihood of a durable settlement in Rhodesia unless Mr. Smith reverses himself and agrees to resume talks with Mr. Nkomo and Mr. Mugabe. This

is because (as the U.S. and British governments see it) only they can commit the black guerrilla movement to a cease-fire and support of any eventual agreed settlement.

But Mr. Vorster is inclined to see Mr. Nkomo and Mr. Mugabe in the same light as Mr. Smith does -- as "Marxist-dominated" and ultimately responsive to the Soviet Union.

Consequently Mr. Vorster would rather preserve the status quo in Rhodesia -- which has a common border with South Africa -- than hasten the day when Mr. Nkomo and Mr. Mugabe come to power there.

This (in South African thinking) at least would give the South African government time to tackle its own internal problems.

On the black side in the Rhodesian struggle, recruiting among Africans has intensified -- with Rhodesian school children going across the border into Botswana and with an enlistment drive in South Africa that has netted gardeners and other migrant workers for Mr. Nkomo's fighting faction.

There also are reports of a continuing exodus of South African youths into Swaziland and Botswana, some presumably for guerrilla training. As black Africans see it, the U.S. is not going to do much for either side, black or white, in the deepening confrontation. This is thought to be one of the reasons why the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Andrew Young, was given only a measured welcome in his meetings

recently with black Africans in Tanzania. These do not expect the Carter administration to put the pressure on South Africa that would like.

They were aware for a while that Mr. Young's state (in response to a question on Marxist governments) the U.S. would trade with the country carried with it the location that the U.S. continue to trade with Africa.

South Africa may be buying time by supporting whites in Rhodesia for 10 years, so Mr. Vorster's Nationalist Party can their internal set-up. There is plenty of along this line among the Afrikaners, the buttress of the Nationalist Party.

One idea being mentioned least among white business is a super cabinet that would co-opt blacks and coloreds (part mixed race) to share over a South African ration.

The theory is that an autocracy of fall races whites ascendant, the could gradually change.

The major factor of any government strategy state of the ailing South can economy. At some businessmen argue, South Africa is going to have to jobs for increasing numbers unemployed. If this not done, have a French Revolution one prominent business: "the hungry will riot as over."

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Due in Amman tomorrow de Guiringaud: 40 years in the diplomatic trail

French Embassy Press and Information Service.

Louis de Guiringaud was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in the government of René Barre on Aug. 27, 1976.



de Guiringaud: Career diplomat.

He passed the examinations for the Foreign Service on May 21, 1931. His first assignments were at the French embassy in Ankara, Turkey, and the Office of the French High Commissioner in Syria.

During 1942 and 1943 he was in the resistance. In 1943 he made his way to Algiers, at that point he was dismissed from the Foreign Service by the Vichy government. In Algiers he headed the staff of the Co-ordinator for Foreign Affairs, Massigli. In the spring of 1944 he rejoined the French in Italy and was assigned to the fourth regiment of the ocean Spahis. He was seriously wounded in February 1945 in Alsace. For his military service he was made Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

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After the war M. de Guiringaud was named First Secretary at the Embassy in London and in 1949 Director of Political Affairs at the Office of the High Commissioner of the French Republic in Germany.

He was subsequently Consul General in San Francisco (1952-1955), Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations (1955-1957) and Ambassador to Ghana (1957); he was in charge of Moroccan and Tunisian affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1960 and Deputy High Representative of France to Algeria in July 1962.

Between 1964 and 1965 M. de Guiringaud was Inspector General of Diplomatic and Consular Posts. The following year he was named Ambassador to Japan, where he remained until his appointment in 1972 as Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations. In this capacity he was asked by the president of the republic to take charge of the preparation of the Conference on International Economic Cooperation in April and October of 1975. He was technical chairman of the preparatory meetings for this conference.

Louis de Guiringaud was raised to the honorary rank of Ambassador of France on April 16, 1976. He is a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour (military) and holds the Croix de Guerre (1939-1945).

Jordan, Syrian traffic c'ttee to meet Feb. 28

DAMASCUS (JNA). — The Joint Syrian - Jordanian Committee for the Unification of Overland Traffic and Transportation Laws in the two countries will meet in Amman Feb. 28 to continue work on a unified traffic law.

The Syrian side will be headed by Director of Public Relations at the Ministry of Transport Omar Al Shorbaji, and representatives from the Ministries of Transport and Interior and the union of transport employees.

Jordan's delegation to the meeting is yet to be announced.



Soviet envoy Mikhail Sytenko (left) is seen off at Amman airport Friday by Acting Secretary General of the Foreign Ministry Zaki Al Qassas. See story page 1. (JNA photo).

Satellite will beam to remote Arab areas Cairo telecomms meet decides

AMMAN (JNA). — Executive steps have been taken to start a project whereby a satellite will be used to transmit television programmes to the remotest parts of the Arab World, stated Jordan's Minister of Communications Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh on his return Friday from a three-day meeting in Cairo.

Mr. Al Rawabdeh, who presided over the general assembly of the Arab Institute for Space Communications, said the conference was successful. The satellite, he added, will transmit direct telephone, telex and cable messages to the participating countries through an expensive ground station located all over the Arab World.

The satellite will also transmit colour television programmes, beaming cultural, educational, scientific, health and social programmes designed to reach the remotest parts of the Arab World, which cannot be reached by conventional means.

Mr. Al Rawabdeh said that during the Cairo meeting, four member-states were elected to the Board of Directors. Jordan obtained the majority of votes, followed by Tunisia, Oman and Iraq. Thus the board will be composed of Saudi Arabia, Libya, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates as permanent members; and Jordan, Iraq, Oman and Tunisia as elected members.

The under secretary of the Saudi Communications Ministry was elected chairman of the

board of Directors and the Director General of Jordan's Telecommunications Institution, Mr. Shahid Ismail, as Vice Chairman.



Minister Al Rawabdeh: Importance of satellite links.

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World Bank group visits potash project site on financial mission

AMMAN (JNA). — A visiting World Bank delegation Friday paid a visit to the site of the potash project on the southeastern shores of the Dead Sea.

Its members were accompanied by Director General of the Arab Potash Company Ali Al Khasawneh and other company officials.

Mr. Khasawneh explained the various stages of the potash project and the working programme for its implementation. He stated that they were trying to bring the production date forward by two years. The programme includes the building of a housing city for the project's employees, the preparation of studies and plans for setting up the potash refinery plants and the purchase of machinery and equipment.

The World Bank delegation made a tour of the project's site and was briefed on progress already made on the project's first stage. They examined a dam being constructed for use as a breakwater to extract potash compounds. They also looked at a potash experimental station for analysing samples of the Dead Sea brine to determine the location of potash, as well as a number of other mineral ores.

The cost of the first stage of the project is estimated at \$10 million, of which the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will contribute \$6 million, the Jordanian Government \$3 million and the World Bank \$1 million.

The first stage should be completed this autumn, and production should start early in 1982 with an estimated capacity of one million tonnes of potash, per year.

The World Bank delegation also visited the project site at Ghor Al Safi, south of the Dead Sea.

The delegation is in Amman on a four-day official visit to determine the bank's contribution to the second stage of the project.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

U.K. sterling	569.0	575.0
U.S. dollar	332.0	334.0
German mark	138.8	139.2
French franc	67.0	67.3
Swiss franc	132.5	132.9
Italian lira (for every 100)	37.7	37.9
Saudi riyal	94.6	95.0
Lebanese pound	108.7	109.8
Syria pound	82.0	82.3
Iraqi dinar	942.0	950.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1.152	1.160
Egyptian pound	465.0	475.0
Libyan dinar	785.0	795.0
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Jordan, Egypt to boost trade by 25%

CAIRO (JNA). — A new trade protocol was signed here Thursday between Jordan and Egypt boosting trade exchange by \$3 million to a total of \$15 million annually.

Dr. Najmeddin Dajani, Jordan's Minister of Industry and Commerce, described talks he held with his Egyptian counterpart, Zakaria Abdul Fattah, on amending the previous accord as "fruitful and successful".

Dr. Dajani indicated that Jordan will export to Egypt a number of manufactured commodities including wool and cotton fabrics, liquid batteries, broadcloth, blankets, lead matter and plastic produce. In return Jordan will import Egyptian rice,

broad beans, cotton textiles and a variety of agricultural and manufactured goods.

There will be more scope for increasing trade between Jordan and Egypt through the commercial centres. Such trade will rise by \$350,000 a year to \$750,000.

The minister of industry and commerce also announced that agreement has been reached to allow the Egyptian private sector to import directly from Jordan. Previously this was confined to the public sector.

A Jordanian delegation will go to Cairo at a later date to settle previous accounts between the two countries and discuss details of the new protocol.

BRITISH LADIES OF AMMAN

The function organised by the Inner Wheel Club for Tuesday, Feb. 22 at the British Council has been cancelled.

KING HUSSEIN'S JUBILEE EMBLEM

AMMAN (JNA). — The higher committee entrusted with the preparations for His Majesty King Hussein's silver jubilee met here Friday and chose as the jubilee's emblem a design by Mr. Mohammad Al Zu'bi.

Another meeting held at the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities Friday discussed the production of a number of commemorative emblems for the same occasion. The meeting was attended by Director General of Tourism Ghaleb Abu Jaber, a number of craftsmen and people interested in this art.

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Enter the snake: Symbol of the Chinese Lunar New Year

"Exit the dragon, enter the snake": To traditionally-minded Chinese it is the "Lunar New Year" announcing itself with firecrackers to frighten off evil spirits and with lavish festivities and celebrations throughout Taiwan.

By Lina Gress

Special to the Jordan Times

Occurring on Feb. 18 this year, the Year of the Snake has slithered in to mark -- on the first day of the first moon -- the 4,375th year on the Chinese lunar calendar. The Year of the Dragon has gone into limbo for 11 years before emerging for another one-year reign in the perpetual 12-year cycle of the Chinese Zodiac.

The Zodiac, composed of 12 domestic animals, covers 12 lunar years and, according to ancient belief, gives distinctive characteristics to people who are born under one of the following: Rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep,

monkey, chicken, dog, pig.

People born under the Year of the Snake are depicted as being secretive and usually distrustful. They are wise, deep, often vain, selfish and stingy, but nevertheless inclined to help the less fortunate.

These people prefer their own judgement to that of others, they are usually good-looking and passionate but liable to infidelity.

Their best marriage partners are people born in the years of the ox, the Rat and the Chicken; the next best are people born in the years of the Rabbit, the Dragon and the Sheep; but they are incompatible with people born in the years of the Tiger and the Pig.

Preparation Rituals

Preparations to celebrate the Lunar New Year begin in the Republic of China weeks before the event.

Among preparations is the annual ascent towards heaven of the "kitchen god" five or six days before the Lunar New Year. Legend has it that he returns to heaven at the end of each year to report on the family. It is the custom to make sure that he tells as little as possible or reports only good things.

His departure is symbolised by the burning of a picture of the god, but not before his lips have been daubed with melted candy so that they will be sealed during his heavenly stay. In this way, silence is ensured, or maybe only sweet words can emerge, and so a favourable report is given to the "Jade Emperor" on the family's doings.

Often wine is offered to intoxicate him and lead him into relaxed or even inaccurate reporting.

All expenses for the god's round-trip are borne by the family, which burns a generous amount of money to assure him a comfortable journey; fodder is even burnt for his horse.

The return of the god on new year's eve is symbolised by the family affixing a new drawing of him on the kitchen wall; but this does not take place until the house is spick and span in readiness for his return. A rich feast is laid on for the returning deity.

Among other preparations, businessmen close their accounts and thank the gods for a prosperous year. Even their customers join in by paying their debts and everyone is keen to start the new year with a clean slate.

Festivities Proceed

No Chinese festival is celebrated with more zest than the Lunar New Year, for it is the most colourful and important of Chinese festivals.

Family reunions are deeply cherished. All members of the



Colour print of the kitchen god. The top panel says "god of the kitchen." The panels on the right and left say that the kitchen god, being virtuous, can ensure that there is a fire in the stove; and that, being impartial, he will report the truth to heaven.

family dress in their best clothes for the occasion.

The children are especially happy, for they are given red envelopes containing crisp new banknotes. They spend the day playing games and eating sweets forbidden or not available during the rest of the year. As a special dispensation, they are allowed to stay up as late as they like.

The great day has a large assortment of do's and don'ts. Ancestors must be honoured; red scrolls inscribed with messages of happiness, prosperity and longevity are pasted on the walls; a basket of food must be placed in the centre of the living room to guarantee enough to eat in the coming year; and knives and scissors are put away, so that nobody will cut the continuity of luck for the year to come.

Food plays a very important role. Rich menus are regarded as a good omen for plenty of

food throughout the year. Ordinary dishes take on exotic names to denote hoped-for prosperity and good fortune: Eggs become "silver ingots", mushrooms are "opportunities" and a chicken is called "phoenix".

A special food associated with the 15th day of the first moon -- observed as the Lantern Festival -- is "yuan hsia", a small round dumpling made of glutinous rice with a sweet filling. The roundness of the "yuan hsia" signifies the full moon.

The Lunar New Year festivities come to an end with the Lantern Festival.

The lanterns used to be torches to help the people find the heavenly spirits they believed could be seen flying past in the light of the first full moon.

Today, the Lantern Festival has become a carnival with puppet shows, operas and dragon dancing in the streets.

For this festival, the "Dragon", the mythical creature traditionally symbolising Chinese royalty, appears as a fanciful creation of papier maché and painted cloth. It is manipulated by men concealed beneath the artificial scales. In some dances, the dragon chases a fiery pearl held out by another dancer, while in others the dragon frolics with a lion to the noisy clamour of gongs, drums and firecrackers. Such dances are held in city squares or along streets.

Festivities in Amman

On the morning of the first day of the Year of the Snake the Chinese community in Amman gathered in the Ret-ser engineering building for traditional celebrations.

The good omen for a prosperous year was a well-laden table with Chinese tea and exotic Chinese sweets. The spirit of the past also prevailed with a film honouring heroes in modern Chinese history.

The buds of happiness and optimism announced themselves at the tea-party through the Chinese character meaning "spring". If the character is put upside down, then spring is ar-

riving in green jade, the rich gem of Taiwan. Jordanian citizens also participated in celebrations: A "Chinese Folk Arts" film was shown

on Jordan Television.

The film depicts the five traditional Chinese arts, including the Chinese lanterns and the Lion Dance, which are most

closely associated with the Lunar New Year. Hopefully, Chinese will have its share of glory to the Jordanian people



It looks terrifying, but this dragon mask is really quite harmless.



The dragon weaves its way through its ritualistic dance.

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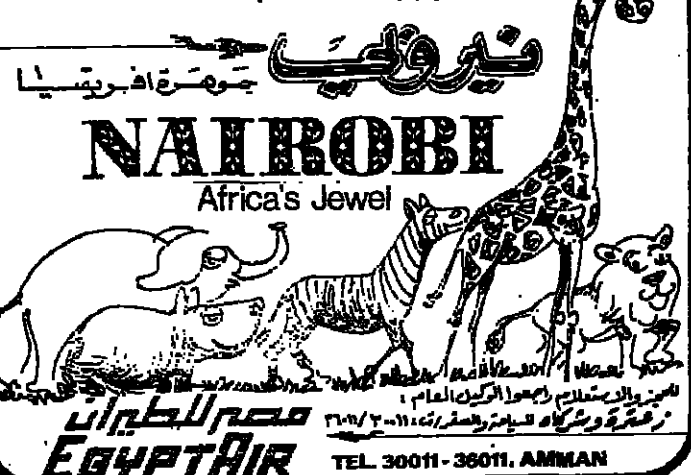
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Dear Mr. Goren:

We play that a two club response to a one no trump opening bid inquires about for suit holdings. We cover this to be forcing Stayman, since responder is expected to have at least 7-8 points for his bid. My question is: forcing to what level? t. Garrett, San Antonio, Texas.

should pass if he does not have 9 points or better. Had North held more than 16 points and three hearts, he would have bid four hearts to prevent South from dropping the auction below game.

Q.—How would you play six spades on the following hand?

- ♠ 10 5 4
- ♥ AK 7 5 4
- ♦ 5 3 2
- ♣ A 5
- Void
- ♥ J 9 8 2
- ♥ J 9 6 3
- ♥ 10 8 2
- ♦ J 8 7 4
- ♦ 6
- ♣ Q J 10 8 4
- ♣ K 9 7 3 2
- ♣ AK Q 7 6 3
- ♣ Q
- ♣ AK Q 10 9
- ♣ 6

West led the queen of clubs. —D.B. Armstrong, San Francisco, Calif.

A.—First, you are to be congratulated on getting no higher than six spades—I might easily have gotten to the grand slam, which stands no chance as the cards lie. Indeed, even six spades needs careful play.

Win the ace of clubs, ruff a club and cash the ace of spades. When this reveals the bad break, you must abandon the trump suit temporarily. Cash the queen of hearts and then play the ace and king of diamonds. If diamonds are 3-2, you concede a trump trick and claim the balance.

The 4-1 diamond break presents no problem because East cannot afford to ruff. If he does, he will be employed. Whatever he returns will allow you an entry to dummy to discard two diamonds on the top hearts, so all you will lose is the ruff. If East refuses to ruff, you continue with the queen of diamonds and then ruff a diamond. Whether or not East overruffs, again a trump will be the only trick for the defenders.

The key to the play is the far-sighted ruff of dummy's remaining club at trick two, which takes away East's only safe means of exit.

NORTH SOUTH
1 NT 2 ♠
2 ♠ 3 ♣

NORTH SOUTH
1 NT 2 NT
2 NT 3

NORTH SOUTH
1 NT 2 ♠
2 ♠ 3 ♣

On none of these auctions is North forced to bid again. For North to bid on, he must have better than a minimum no trump. All of these auctions are situational, and opener should decline if he has no more than 16 points he promised by his opening. Note that in example (c), South cannot have 10 or more points and bid in this way. With game-going hand, he would have simply jumped to three hearts directly over one no trump and would not have gone through the rigmarole of wield out Stayman.

One other sequence should be discussed:

ORTH SOUTH
1 NT 2 ♠
2 ♠ 3 ♣

Since South's rebid of two hearts is below the level to which Stayman response forced North must bid again. North's bid to three hearts shows a minimum no trump with three heart support, and South

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MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Contact a higher-up and gain the favor that means much to you. Take time to engage in favorite hobby.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Good day to do whatever will help you to advance in your career. Forget frivolity and concentrate on the practical for now.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Handle the duties you have assumed and get them behind you. Be sure to use extreme caution in motion today and tonight.

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I'M A WOMAN!

Spanish Socialist Party gets full legal status

MADRID, Feb 18, (Agencies). — The main Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE), the Partido Socialista Obrero Español (PSOE), was given full legal status today, an Interior Ministry spokesman said.

The party has been illegal since the end of the 1936-1939 civil war, though it has operated openly for the past year, holding a congress in Madrid last December, attended by European socialist leaders.

The PSOE, led by lawyer Felipe Gonzalez, formally applied for registration as a political party on Feb. 10 after rules for the legalisation of political parties were eased.

Under the new rules, the government has 10 days after a

party has applied in which to ask the Supreme Court to decide whether the party's aims conflict with Spanish law.

The ministry spokesman said six other parties had been inscribed on the registry together with the PSOE.

However no decision had been made about an application by the Communist Party, he said. The government has until next Monday to refer the case to the judiciary.

A spokesman for the small Marxist Popular Socialist Party (PSP), which was also legislated today, said the government was behaving ambiguously since the Information Ministry had banned broadcasts of two interviews with its leaders by

a Madrid radio station. He said no reason for the decision had been given.

Meanwhile, today the government met to consider a package of austerity measures to deal with the country's economic crisis.

In a separate development, police have arrested a suspected member of the GRAPO underground movement in connection with the discovery of explosives in a Madrid train station two weeks ago, reliable sources said here today.

The sources identified the man as Mr. Luis Alonso Riveiro and said he had been detained earlier this month, then released, in Galicia, northwestern Spain.

His detention for the second time, the sources said, was tied to the discovery on Feb. 4 of 25 kgs of explosives in a left-luggage locker at Chamartin Station here.

The explosives, according to the sources, were destined for GRAPO (Anti-Fascist Resistance Groups of Oct. 1).

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IDI AMIN'S ENEMY — Lt. Col. Erenayo Wilson Uryema was one of three men reported killed in a car crash Thursday by Radio Uganda. The three, including the Anglican archbishop of Uganda and another government minister, had been accused of plotting against Ugandan President Idi Amin (AP wirephoto).

Bengal support for Indira Gandhi endangered by activities of son

NEW DELHI, Feb 18, (Agencies). — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi today carries her campaign for next month's general elections into the West Bengal State, where her ruling Congress Party is split for and against her on her son Mr. Sanjay Gandhi.

Bengali congressmen divide into supporters of Chief Minister Siddhartha Shankar Ray, 56, and those who follow Mr. Gandhi and his Youth Congress.

"I am against treating Mr. Gandhi as a VIP, as is being done in some states of India," said flambouyant Mr. Ray earlier this week in a reference to the rise to political influence of the prime minister's son, who is 30.

The prime minister has scheduled campaign meetings this weekend in villages and

towns in West Bengal and in the state capital Calcutta, a city of more than three million people.

Mr. Ray, a lawyer, recently survived several attempts to oust him as chief minister.

Congress is fighting 34 of the 42 West Bengal seats, leaving the remainder to its electoral ally in the state, the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India (CPI).

The extent of the Congress split is shown by the fact that 12 Congress members will stand as independents against the official party candidates, while others will oppose the CPI.

The dissidents are being helped by the state Police Minister Tarun Kanti Ghosh, who says he is supported by Mr. Gandhi.

The Congress split could seriously damage its chances in West Bengal where it is chal-

lenged by united opposition groups. The main non-Communist Janata Party is ally itself in West Bengal with leftist parties, led by Marxist Communist Party (CPI-M).

Meanwhile the opposition Janata Party has been refused permission to post observers, the constituencies being contested by the prime minister and her son, it was learnt today.

Chief Election Commissioner T. Swaminathan was reported to have said in Bangalore yesterday that the Election Commission was sufficient to ensure "free and fair elections".

Eight members of parliament from the ruling Congress Party today issued a statement, accusing the Janata Party of using as a front for the rigging Hindu Jana Sangh organisation.

Argentine president survives airport blast

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 18, (R). — A bomb blast rocked the city airport here today as a plane with Argentine President Jorge Videla aboard was taking off but there was no casualty or damage, the Presidential Press Office said.

An official said the bomb was planted in a drain pipe under the tarmac.

The official said the plane landed at an air force base at west of here for a thorough inspection and then continued to

its original destination, to Bahia Blanca, 600 kms. away.

It was the second apparent attempt against Gen. Videla's life since he was swept to power in a military coup which ousted the government of President Maria Estela Peron last March.

In October, a bomb destroyed the reviewing stand at an army base west of here a few minutes after Gen. Videla left after a military parade. Nobody was hurt.

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ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS NEWS

Saudi Arabia to check deals between foreign firms and their local agents

JEDDAH, Feb 18, (R). — Saudi Arabia has set up a high-powered government committee to investigate the relationship between foreign companies doing business in the kingdom and their local agents.

The action, which reflects official anxiety that agents are seeking higher and higher profits, follows decisions by two ministries to cancel tenders for projects submitted by European, Japanese and American firms.

Agriculture Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Sheikh last Sunday blacklisted firms which had padded their tenders for sewage and flood control projects in Taif, Dammam and Al Khobar, official sources said.

Industry Minister Dr. Ghazi Al Qussabi, rejected bids for four electric power projects earlier this month, and warned the companies that their tenders were several times the ministry's estimates of the costs involved.

Dr. Qussabi went to Pakistan Wednesday at the start of an Asian tour to seek lower bids. He is going to India, Taiwan and South Korea.

Business and diplomatic sources said the companies whose power contract tenders were refused included GEC Overseas, Balfour-Beatty and Hawker Siddeley of Britain, Siemens of West Germany and IHI and Mitsubishi of Japan.

Company officials contacted in Saudi Arabia denied bids had been inflated and said that government estimates were low.

A foreign commercial attache here said the firms based their estimates on inflation rates for the past two years and added about 50 per cent to their bids, allowing for another year or more of inflation before the project can start.

The level of the committee highlighted the government's concern about the size of commissions sometimes paid by foreign companies in Saudi Arabia.

It is headed by Prince Majid Ibn Abdul Aziz, Minister of Municipal Affairs and a member of the powerful Royal Family Council, and includes Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, Dr. Qussabi, and the ministers of planning, finance and commerce.

In an interview with Reuters last year Dr. Qussabi said the payment of kick-backs to agents by foreign companies resulted in very serious problems in Saudi Arabia, but it was difficult to prove or punish.

He added: "You don't have to pay anything to get a contract. I wish people would realise the best way to do business is to offer a good contract."

According to the report, Mr. Rockefeller was told a solution to the assets issue was no longer a problem.

"On his return to the United States Mr. Rockefeller reported his information to high-level officials in the Carter administration, who are now prepared to move forward with another round of negotiations," the review said.

Only two days earlier, official bullion figures released in London showed that China last December shipped over \$350 million worth of gold for sale on the bullion market there.

London banking sources said the exceptional size of the shipment could be the first sign of a new Chinese industrialisation drive.

China indicates wish to settle dispute over frozen U.S. assets

HONG KONG, Feb. 18 (R). — China has shown interest in settling a long-standing financial dispute with the United States, the Far Eastern Economic Review reported yesterday.

The dispute dates from the 1950-53 Korean war, when the two countries froze each other's assets.

The weekly news magazine said Chinese officials signalled interest in a settlement during a visit to Peking last month by Mr. David Rockefeller, Chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

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WALL STREET REPORT

Prices finished with a moderate decline Friday on the New York stock exchange, where the industrial average lost more than 3 points in sluggish trading, the volume hitting a 1977 low.

The Commerce Department announced that the consumer price index had climbed 0.8 per cent in January, which doubtless led to the decline.

Declines outnumbered advances at the bell by a 796 to 564 margin as most groups of shares closed on a mixed to lower tone.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 940.24, a loss of 3.49 points; Transp at 224.92, a loss of 0.29; utilities at 106.69, a loss of 0.13. 18,000,000 shares changed hands.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed narrowly mixed Friday after a quiet session and at 1500 the F.T. index was up 2.6 at 393.0.

Early small gains were pared after the January retail price index which showed a 2.6 pct rise compared with December. This factor was slightly offset in government bonds by the fall in the treasury bill tender rate to 10.9284 from 11.1696 pct, dealers said.

Short-dated government bonds met light two-day interest. Longs showed little change. Equity leaders were mixed and gold saw very little interest.

The banking sector lost up to 5p after results from Lloyds, whose profits were around the bottom end of expectations and may set the pattern for the other three clearing banks, dealers said. Lloyds itself finished 3p down having risen 2p at the outset.

Decca finished 8p up while rises of 2p to 4p were scored by most other leaders. Beecham was 2p easier. There was speculative demand for Rank Organisation which ended 6p up at 182 after 187p.

Price of gold closed in London Friday at 136.25

USSR officially rejects U.S. statements on human rights

MOSCOW, Feb. 18 (R). — The Soviet Union has officially told the United States that Washington's recent statements on human rights in this country would not help relations between the two countries, Tass news agency reported today.

It said the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, Mr. Anatoly Dobrynin, told the State Department yesterday his country resolutely rejected attempts to interfere in its internal affairs under the pretext of defending human rights.

The Soviet move came on the same day as the U.S. Embassy here delivered a letter from President Jimmy Carter to Dr. Andrei Sakharov, the Kremlin's most outspoken domestic critic.

Tass said Mr. Dobrynin met the Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Arthur Hartman, and drew his attention to "certain statements and actions of the American side that are not consistent with the aims of a positive development of Soviet-American relations."

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Dr. Sakharov, clearly delighted with the letter, told Western correspondents last night that he saw the president's decision to write to him directly as "an expression of support for the human rights movement in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe."

Company officials commented that the government was inviting tenders from the most experienced and the largest concerns and should consequently expect to have to pay more.

But Dr. Qussabi said the bids submitted exceeded by several times the entire budget of his ministry.

The mountain town of Qatabah was the target of South Yemeni raids during the border fighting which erupted between the two countries in 1972 following a build-up of tension.

An Arab League mission mediated and was able to effect a ceasefire in October after the fighting had continued for a full month.

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A peace agreement and an accord on eventual reunification of Yemen was signed in Cairo on Oct. 28, 1972.

But two months later it was apparent that although the two countries shared common religion, language and traditions, there were obstacles on the path towards union.

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In May 1973 fighting again broke out between the two countries and relations continued to be tense during that year.

North Yemen, traditionally a conservative Moslem country, had always opposed the idea of union with the South Yemeni Marxist regime.

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Observers in Amman said relations between the two countries began to improve after Saudi Arabia gave recognition South Yemen last year.

The North-South Yemeni rapprochement came at a time when the region at the south end of the Red Sea, faces coming of independence for last foreign-run territory the Djibouti, the French enclave the African shore opposite two Yemens.

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Signs of improvement North-South Yemeni relations also appeared after the summit in Cairo last Oct. Presidents Al Hamdi and were exhorted by the Arab leaders to forget their differences.

Before the meeting in Qatabah a joint delegation representing the two countries for the Gulf countries to a commemorative oil purchases.

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Commenting on the meeting of the two presidents, the official North Yemen daily newspaper Al Thawra said yesterday: "The two presidents have shown a sense of national possibility and a realization of the need to take genuine sound steps on the road to men unity."

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She told the conference she hoped the Swedish draft would speed up negotiations and low agreement to be reached time for the U.N. General Assembly special session on disarmament in 1978.

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Nuclear tests in the atmosphere, outer space and under water are banned under an international agreement signed in 1963. But attempts to extend it to underground blasts have been defeated by Soviet-American differences over how to prevent cheating.

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Mrs. Thorsson said she was encouraged by the Soviet Union's new willingness to discuss methods of one-site inspection of suspect underground disturbances.

The Soviet Union previously resisted on-site inspection, claiming that long-range seismographs and other methods are not sufficient to distinguish between natural earth tremors and small nuclear blasts.

Italian students clash over government reforms

ROME, Feb. 18 (R). — Riot police last night used tear gas to clear hundreds of students from Rome University after a day of violent clashes left at least 20 people injured.

The police, who said they moved in at the request of university Rector Antonio Ruberti, reported no injuries and no arrests when they expelled the students from the campus, ending a 15-day occupation by extreme leftwingers protesting against proposed government reforms.

The injuries happened when Communists and extreme left wingers clashed earlier in the day.

Communist trade union leader Luciano Lama had gone to the university to appeal to students to return to their classes. Violence broke out and he was ushered out of the campus by a side entrance after being shouted down.

The extremists accused the Communists of selling out to the government.

Education Minister Franco Malitani, whose proposed reforms have not been published in complete form, told colleges and universities last month that students would be restricted in their choice of subject and would only be allowed to take examinations once a year instead of three or four times as at present.

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PAKISTANI ELECTION CAMPAIGN TURNS VIOLENT

ISLAMABAD, Feb 18, (R). — Three people were shot dead as Pakistan's general election campaign took a violent turn, newspapers reported today.

The Urdu-language paper Nawa-i-Waqt said two workers of the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) were killed yesterday in a clash with supporters of an independent candidate in the town of Mandra, some 100 kms. south of the federal capital Islamabad.

Nawa-i-Waqt and another Urdu daily, Jang, reported that a relative of former Sind province Governor Mir Reas Talpur was killed when his car was fired on near Hyderabad on Wednesday night.

The ex-governor, who resigned from the PPP last year, claimed in an interview with Nawa-i-Waqt that it was police who shot at the car.

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